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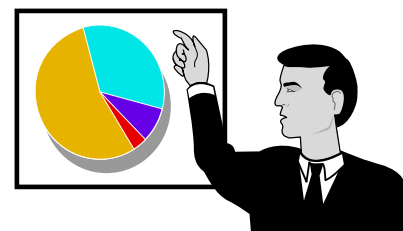


Toastmasters Club Helps Improve Communication Skills

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Are you interested in improving your listening skills? The Saint Paul Public Employee Toastmasters Club provides a non-threatening atmosphere to improve your communication skills.

The Public Employee Toastmasters Club began in June 1988. In its 11 years, it has helped many city employees improve their speaking, listening and leadership skills. Toastmasters members learn by speaking to groups and working with others in a supportive environment.

Upon joining, each new member receives a manual and other resources. Members then work with the education vice president and other members of the Toastmasters Club to become a better speaker through prepared speeches, impromptu speeches and other such activities. Every prepared speaker is assigned an evaluator who points out speech strengths and offers suggestions for improvement.



Alaska: Spirit of the Wild

Crash into the ocean with a newly-formed iceberg. Swim upstream with the great Alaska salmon. Soar over the tundra with bald eagles. Play with polar bears. Swim with killer whales.

Visit the Science Museum of Minnesota's Omnitheater between now and September 6 to experience the Alaskan wilderness. For hours and ticket information, call 651-221-9444 or visit www.smm.org.

"In Toastmasters, members work at their own pace to improve their communication skills," said Wayne Hanson, a Public Works employee and president of the Toastmasters Club. "We encourage anyone who has contact with the public to spend six months with our organization."

More than 3 million men and women from around the world of all ages and occupations have benefitted from Toastmasters training. More than 1,000 corporations, community groups, universities, associations and government agencies now use Toastmasters training.

Membership fees are \$21 for a six-month membership. The Toastmasters Club meets every Wednesday, at noon, on the 15th floor of the City Hall Annex. If you are interested in joining the club or have any questions, call 266-6683.

Saint Paul
Celebrating 150 Years



HealthPartners Offers Discount on Bike Helmets

The HealthPartners "Partners for Better Health" program offers members a valuable discount on protective helmets suitable for biking and skating. Medical experts warn that a fall on a hard surface from a height of only a few feet can result in serious brain injury.

A helmet is an inexpensive way to protect yourself from serious head injury, but to be effective, it must fit properly and be worn as instructed by the manufacturer.

HealthPartners offers HeadStrong Multi-Sport

helmets for toddlers, youth and adults, in a variety of patterns and colors, at a substantial savings. These helmets meet U.S. safety standards.

Call the Partners for Better Health program phone line at 612.883.7800 between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, for more information about this great way to protect yourself and your family. Help prevent serious head injuries, practice proven and effective "preventive medicine," and set a good example for your children!



Employee Picnic - Aug. 12 Volunteers Needed!

The City Employee Service Committee and Risk Management invite you and your family to the annual city employee picnic.

Thursday, August 12, 1999

4:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

New Como Park Pavillions



Free Food



Free Beverages



Games for the Kids



Volunteers are needed in order to make this picnic a success.

Please call Jody at 266-6677 to volunteer



Get Ready 2000 Forum

The City's Y2K efforts have been recognized by the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion. Saint Paul has been selected to host a Y2K Community Conversation featuring John Koskinen, chair of the White House Council.

The community forum will be held on Wednesday, July 21, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Great American History Theatre, 30 East 10th Street, Downtown Saint Paul.

"This event is a community discussion on Y2K" said Mayor Norm Coleman. "If someone has concerns or questions regarding the Y2K problem, this is the place to raise them."

The forum, which will be broadcast live on Minnesota Public Radio, will cover the status of local Y2K efforts, individual and community Y2K preparation tips, and citizen concerns or questions about the Y2K problem.

The event is one in a series of community discussions the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion is convening around the country to update the public on what the federal government is doing to prepare for Y2K, as well as highlight local communities that are taking steps to prepare.





Ramsey Fair Moves Back to White Bear Avenue

The Ramsey County Free Fair heads back to White Bear Avenue this year with a full schedule of fun and activities for the entire family.



The Fair will be held July 15 - 18, from noon to 11 p.m. each day. There is no admission fee. Stop by and check out the following events:

Every Day: Carnival rides, food booths, racing pigs, mini horse hitch, children's petting zoo, bingo, beer tent, livestock shows, 4-H and commercial exhibits, bands and other entertainment on two stages.

July 15: *Bands* - Uncle Chunk; Soul Farm & Mango Jam; Wild Blue Cats and Inside Straight.
Other - parade on White Bear Ave. llama show, face painting, clowns, magic show, children's games, talent contest and more

July 16: *Bands* - Ross William Perry, Curtis/Kicks, Joe Juliano, Elvis-Chris Olson, Big Walter Smith
Other - Radio Disney, martial arts, magic show, Slatter Sisters, kiddie pedal tractor pull, beef animal exhibit and show, fireworks and more

July 17: *Bands* - Innocent with Less Exodus and Wain McFarlane, Ipso Facto, Rockin' Hollywoods
Other - talent contest, youth pet show, rose show, live radio show on gardening and master garden plant clinic, dairy animal show and judging, magic show, clowns and more

July 18: *Bands* - The Senders, The Squires. A swing dance contest will also be held.
Other - classic car show, talent contest finals, Senior Citizen of the Year recognition, clowns, children's programs and more



The Ramsey County Fair is located on White Bear Avenue at Frost in Maplewood.

For a more detailed fair schedule or questions about the Ramsey County Fair, call 651-770-2626.

Employee Spotlight

Joe Buzicky

Saint Paul's parks have always been a part of Joe Buzicky's life -- from growing up on the Palace Playground in Saint Paul's West End to serving 15 years with the City's Parks and Recreation Department.



Joe began his service with the City as a carpenter and was promoted to Building Maintenance Supervisor in December 1998. In that position, he is responsible for the maintenance of more than 130 Parks and Recreation buildings. He also supervises the City's electricians, plumbers, painters, masons and HVAC personnel.

"The best part of my job is to be involved in all the aspects of the department and making the decisions on what we do," Joe said.

He said the most challenging part of the job is the demands that come with the coordination of special events at the City's Parks and Recreation buildings.

If you know of an employee that deserves special recognition in the Employee Spotlight, call 266-8528 for information.

Each week a trivia question about the history of Saint Paul will appear in City Update with answers provided in the following issue.

July 16 Trivia Question

Q: How long is the High Bridge and how wide is the central arch?

July 2 Trivia Question & Answer

Q: Which building is taller - the State Capitol or the Cathedral?

A: The Cathedral. The State Capitol is 220 feet high; the Cathedral is 280 feet to the top of the cross.

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Pioneer Party Calendar

Join in Saint Paul's 150th birthday celebration. Stop by these upcoming parties:

Saturday, July 11 - 11 a.m.

Rondo Days

Martin Luther King Park

Sunday, July 18 - 1 - 5 p.m.

Urban Garden Gait

Snelling Ave & Syndicate

Sat., July 25 - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Como Day

Como Park

Sat., July 31 - noon - 3 p.m.

Blooming Days

Grand Avenue

**For information on
Saint Paul's
Pioneer Parties,
visit
www.stpaul.gov**

Job Openings as of July 16, 1999

Application Deadline	Job Title	Bi-Weekly or Hourly Salary Rate	Exam Date
07/16/99	Bus. Div. Manager-Water (promotion only)	\$2440.03	07/21/99
07/16/99	Citizen Service Analyst	\$1133.76	Quals
Open	Clerk -Typist II	\$867.58	TBN
Open	Communications Technician	\$1359.09	Quals
Open	Communications Technician Trainee	\$1111.53	Quals
Open	Engineering Aide II	\$1057.74	TBN
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst I	\$1139.99	Quals
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst II	\$1326.60	Quals
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst III	\$1470.98	Quals
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist I	\$1030.42	Quals
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist II	\$1089.46	Quals
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist III	\$1326.60	Quals
07/19/99	Lead Pipefitter	\$26.72 per hour	08/05/99
Open	Library Associate (part-time)	\$1086.23	Quals
Open	Park Aide (seasonal/part-time)	\$6.88 per hr	Quals
Open	Recreation Leader (part-time)	\$8.08 per hr	Quals
07/27/99	School Business Clerk	\$1021.94	08/03/99
07/29/99	Stores Clerk - School Food Service (promotion only)	\$17.14 per hr	TBN
Open	Ticket Sellers - River Centre (part-time)	\$5.50 per hr (in training)	TBN
07/26/99	Water System Worker II (promotion only)	\$18.53 per hr	Quals

****This is a walk-in examination. Do not submit a job application before the test.** Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources at 400 City Hall Annex to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Phone: (651) 266-6500 (TTY/TDD (651) 266-6501). For jobs announced after July 8, please call the 24-hour job line, (651) 266-6502.